

# To Put Washington Monument To Work As a Picture Screen

Tall Shaft to Reflect Beauties of  
National Parks on Memorial  
Day.

INAUGURATES SUMMER SEASON

System of Educational Pictures  
Under Official Auspices to  
Be Started Here.

The Washington Monument will classify as the largest motion picture screen in captivity after May 20. And at the same time the official opening of the season of open-air motion picture shows will occur. The Memorial Day opening will be official in two ways—it will be the first open-air show of the season of any proportions, and will be strictly official in character, as it will be given under the auspices of the Bureau of Commercial Economics and will have the sanction of the officials in charge of the parks in Washington.

The use of the Washington Monument as a motion picture screen will not be just a figure of speech. The pictures will actually be projected on the Monument. They are to be pictures that have been made under Government auspices of the national parks of the country.

The collection of pictures has been made up by the Bureau of Commercial Economics for the purpose of showing the people of America the beauty spots of their country and also for the purpose of doing a bit of real university extension work.

## New Educational Idea.

The idea of the pictures is purely educational and the film that will be shown will be of a character that will not compete in any way with the regular motion picture exhibitors' business. The officials in charge of the affair have been very careful about this, for the reason that they do not wish in any way to offend the exhibitors, many of whom have large investments in apparatus, etc., at stake which might be jeopardized by the establishment of free motion picture shows in the public parks.

The fact that the work that is being carried on by the bureau in the showing of this film is of an educational character is being carefully emphasized. In addition to the reels of film showing the national parks there will also be a reel showing the growth of golden rod from the seed to flower.

The exhibition to be given here May 20 will be the first of a series that will be given during the summer not only in this city, but in most of the large cities, and many of the smaller towns throughout the country. For the purpose of carrying on this work the bureau has secured a big motor truck which is equipped with a projecting apparatus, screen and all the necessary paraphernalia for showing pictures.

Every section of the country is to be visited by the representative of the bureau with their film. It is understood that the Government departments have placed their collections of motion picture film at the disposal of the Bureau. These include pictures of Yellowstone National Park, Mount Ranier, Yosemite valley, the California big trees, the Rocky Mountain country, forest ranges, military training, etc.

## New Ventilation Plant.

The mention of the opening of the summer park season naturally brings to mind the necessities of the summer season in the regular theaters of the city—the motion picture exhibitors—and the plans the managers of the various establishments have made for the comfort and convenience of their patrons.

One of the most comprehensive plans for the turning of one of the largest houses into a cool and comfortable place for the summer is announced by Dr. Herbst, proprietor of the Circle Theater. Dr. Herbst has signed a contract for the installation of a model ventilation plant for his establishment which is of interest for the reason that its duplicate could be established in other theaters if the managers would show the interest in the welfare of their patrons the patrons now seem to demand.

A space of 5,000 square feet has been secured in the upper floor of the Circle Theater where the ventilating system will be installed. With this large space available Dr. Herbst has planned a system of intake and exhaust fans which will keep the entire auditorium of the Circle supplied with fresh, cooled air at all times.

One of the most difficult problems the motion picture exhibitors is called upon to deal with in the matter of ventilation and in the summer this becomes especially serious. The wise manager is taking the time now to go over his ventilating apparatus now, while the weather is still cool, and make such changes and repairs as will insure a free supply of pure air for the summer.



ANNA NILSSON.

Young star who has been selected by Charles Pathe to play leading role in a new serial, "Who's Guilty."

## Chemists to Attend Meetings in Illinois

Several Washington chemists and Government officials will read papers at the American Chemical Society meeting at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., next week. Three hundred chemists will leave Washington Sunday to attend the meetings, which will continue until Friday.

Among those who will read scientific papers are Dr. Carl Albers, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry; W. D. Bage-low, I. K. Phelps, John Johnston, H. W. Daudt, H. E. Woodward, F. Brewster, C. O. Johns, E. B. Jones, William Blum, H. D. Holler, Henry Rawdon, E. L. Lasker, C. S. Hudson, D. H. Brains, J. M. Johnson, J. K. Dale, Edward Yanovsky, Earle B. Phelps, W. P. Wells, H. W. Streeter, H. L. Shoub, R. H. Soeman, C. L. Parsons, and J. C. Hostetter.

## Veterinarians to Meet.

Congressman Lebeck of Nebraska will address the Alumni Association of the United States College of Veterinary Surgeons at its annual banquet, at the Raleigh at 8 o'clock tonight. Dr. Mansfield will preside as toastmaster.

## Discuss Memorial for Colored U. S. Soldiers

Arrangements have been completed for a mass meeting on Monday night at the John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, Fourteenth and Corcoran streets, when the National Memorial Association, Inc., will discuss its plans for the erection of a memorial to colored soldiers and sailors.

Among speakers who have been invited to address the meeting are Congressman Martin Madden, L. C. Dyer, and J. R. Kern.

Several G. A. R. and Army and Navy posts have indicated that they will send delegations to the meeting.

## Postmasters' Convention Will Bring 2,500 Here

Presidential postmasters from 2,500 cities and towns throughout the United States will come to Washington next Tuesday for the opening of their annual convention. The convention will continue from Tuesday to Friday night.

A number of prominent Senators, Congressmen, Postoffice Department officials and other men have been invited to deliver addresses. Business of importance to the Presidential postmasters will be considered at the sessions.

## TODAY'S BEST FILMS

By GARDNER MACK.

Garden, 43 Ninth street—Fritz Brunette in "Who's Guilty?" (V. L. S. E. Bell).

Strand, Ninth and D streets—Billie Burke in "Peggy" (Triangle).

Plaza, Ninth, between D and E streets—A. H. Van Buren and Dorothy Bernard in "The District Attorney" (V. L. S. E. Lubin).

Loew's Columbia, Twelfth and F streets—Cleo Ridgely and Wallace Reid in "The Love Mask" (Lasky).

Crandall's, Ninth and E streets—Carlyle Blackwell in "The Shadow of Doubt" (World Film Corp.).

Carolina, North Carolina avenue, near Eleventh street southeast—Earle Williams and Anita Stewart in "My Lady's Slipper" (V. L. S. E. Vitagraph).

Circle, 208 Pennsylvania avenue—Richard Buhler in "Gods of Fate" (V. L. S. E. Lubin).

Olympic, 148 U street—Robert Warwick in "The Supreme Sacrifice" (World Film Corp.).

Washington, Eleventh and U streets—Ethel Clayton in "The College Widow" by George Ade, (V. L. S. E. Lubin).

Savoy, Fourteenth street and Columbia road—Charlotte Greenwood and Sidney Grant in "Jane" (Morocco).

Crandall's Apollo, 624 H street northeast—Jane Grey in "Man and His Angel."

Masonic Auditorium, Thirteenth street and New York avenue—Fannie Ward in "Tennessee" (Famous).

Note—These selections are made from programs prepared by the managers of the theaters concerned, and no responsibility is assumed for arbitrary changes without notice to The Times. They are based on the personality of the players and the producing company, and not personal inspection, except in special cases. G. M.

## G. W. U. Graduates Will Have Annual Session

All graduates of the George Washington University, whether members of the alumni association or not of the institution have been invited to attend the annual meeting of the association this evening at the James Ormond Wilson Normal School, Eleventh and Harvard streets northwest. Dr. Howard Lincoln Hodgkins, dean of the college of engineers, is in charge of the arrangements.

Officers of the association are: Stephen E. Krammer, president; Percival Hall, John Paul Earnest, Henry W. Draper, E. G. Selbert, Mark R. Woodward, and Delos H. Smith, vice president; Howard L. Hodgkins, secretary, and John B. Lerner, treasurer.

The executive committee is composed of: Stephen E. Krammer, chairman; Howard L. Hodgkins, secretary; L. Russell Alden, E. Roger Boyle, Walter C. Chapman, Dr. E. M. Colvin, Dr. S. Danemann, Harry C. Davis, Henry W. Draper, John Paul Earnest, M. Ella Given, Percival Hall, Dr. A. W. Kenner, H. H. Kimball, John B. Lerner, Dr. H. S. Lewis, Dr. E. E. Matigan, H. P. Middleton, Soterios Nicholson, Dr. E. G. Selbert, Delos H. Smith, Elmer Stewart, Dr. M. F. Thompson, Mark F. Woodward and Basil L. Yoder.

## Mock Trial Tonight at Hamline M. E. Church

A mock trial, based upon a supposed breach of promise suit, will be given tonight in the Hamline Church, at Ninth and P streets northwest.

The trial will be conducted by the Epworth League of the Church. Jerry South, clerk of the House of Representatives, will preside.



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